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Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 31 and 40 and amend Claims 29 and 38 as follows:

Claims 1-28 (Cancelled).

29. (Currently Amended) A method for retrieving information, comprising:
sending a request identifying at least a first site, a second site and a type of location of interest; and
receiving information associated with the first and second sites and selected based on the type of location of interest and selected using a geometric shape generated based on the first and second sites, the geometric shape having been generated based on a first distance value representing the distance between the first and second sites, and a second distance value representing a function performed on the first distance value.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the information includes information related to locations of interest that are associated with the type of location of interest identified in the request, wherein the locations of interest are located within the geometric shape.

31. (Cancelled).

32. (Previously Presented) A method for searching and retrieving information, comprising:
receiving a request including a site and a type of location of interest;
determining a range for the site based on stored information associated with the type of location of interest, wherein determining a range includes varying the range based on the number of locations of interest located within a predetermined distance of the site; and
providing trip planning information based on the range, the type of location of interest and the site.

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33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the trip planning information includes locations of interest located within the range of the site, and wherein the locations of interest are associated with the type of location included in the request.

34. (Cancelled).

35. (Previously Presented) A method for retrieving information, comprising:
 sending a first request including a site and a type of location of interest; and
 receiving trip planning information selected based on a range, the site and the type of location of interest, wherein the range is variable and is based on stored information associated with the type of location of interest.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the trip planning information includes locations of interest located within the range of the site, and wherein the locations of interest are associated with the type of location of interest included in the request.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the range is based on the number of locations of interest located within a predetermined distance of the site.

38. (Currently Amended) A method for searching and retrieving information, comprising:

receiving a request identifying at least a first site, a second site and a type of location of interest;

generating a geometric shape based on the first and second sites, wherein generating the geometric shape includes:

determining a first distance value between the first and second sites;

performing a function on the first distance value to produce a second distance

value; and

generating the geometric shape based on the first and second distance values; and

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sending information associated with the first and second sites and selected based on the type of location of interest.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein sending information includes:

collecting information related to locations of interest that are associated with the type of location of interest identified in the request, wherein the locations of interest are located within the geometric shape.

40. (Cancelled).